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DOCKS STRIKE OVER:  
WORKERS GO  
BACK TO-DAY

TALKS ON  
VIET NAM  
CONTINUING

The Viet Nam delegates who on Wednesday unanimously requested the Emperor Bao Dai to negotiate with France for the achievement of peace in Viet Nam, national unity and independence, continued discussions throughout yesterday.

Employers  
Federation  
For H.K.

An Employers' Federation is being formed in Hong Kong by local foreign and Chinese firms the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

A Provisional Executive Committee has been set up to draw up a constitution and to carry out essential preparatory functions for the establishment of the Federation.

A meeting discussing the prospects of organising a federation of employers was held on September 3 with Mr. Lawrence Kudo in the chair.

The "China Mail" understands that the Federation is to be registered in Hong Kong under the proposed Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance which is now being drafted.

It will consist of a series of groups of employers each representing a particular type of industry.

THE WEATHER

Pressure is high in a belt extending from N. China to the Kuriles and over S. Philippines and Indonesia. Low pressure area covers S. China, Indo-China and the China Sea. The typhoon or depression is now about 600 miles E. of N. Luzon, probably moving W.

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Minimum: 77.1 deg. Fah.  
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Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
Bar. at msl. 100.84 100.80 m.h.  
Fog. 100.79 100.75 inches.  
Rel. Humidity 82 88 %  
Wind Direction 77 74 deg. E.  
Wind Force 10 10 knots.

Nationalist Drive  
In Shantung

Peiping, Sept. 11. Nationalists inflicted 1,000 casualties in further fighting against the Reds, who on Sunday captured the Peiping-Hankow rail town of Sunglingtien, 41 miles south-west of Peiping, a Provincial Government despatch claimed. It was admitted, however, that Red activities south of Sunglingtien had forced rail workers from four small towns to withdraw to avoid capture.

Highway communications between Peiping and Paoing are still intact, but dangerous and Nationalists trying to prevent its disruption.

Red activities around Paoing have caused a serious situation. Supplies of coal were not delivered to the city with the result that at present there is no light or power. In addition, prices of foodstuffs have skyrocketed to record levels.

Meanwhile, the Nationalists are trying to disperse the Reds from areas around the rail junction city of Shihchiachung to prevent them from seizing the autumn crops which are due for harvesting soon.

Nationalists are striking from Shihchiachung in three directions, south-east and west. In an attempt to improve the situation in the triangular area bounded by Tientsin, Peiping and Paoing, the Nationalist military authorities are going to annihilate the seven "pacification" zones into which the area is present divided, into a single common defence area.

Settlement was reached yesterday afternoon in the mechanics strike, after a four-hour parley between dockyard employers and officials of the Chinese Engineers Institute in the Labour Office. The conference was presided over by the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, who had brought the parties together again after Monday's rupture.

The Institute officials accepted the offer of a 50 per cent basic wage increase for all time basis workers, after the dockyard employers made it clear that this was the maximum they could pay. The foremen and overseers would be separately considered.

A back to work order was issued from Institute headquarters last night to all men to return to work this morning but it is not expected that all the strikers will be reporting back by today as some have left the colony. The dockyard employers, it is understood, have agreed to re-admit anyone who may be reporting back late for any reasonable cause.

At the Chinese Engineers Institute last night, some 500 strike delegates and strikers heard officials report on the outcome of the afternoon's negotiation, and of the settlement arrived at on their behalf.

A small disgruntled element at the meeting heckled the officials whom, they said, had no business to come to an agreement with the employers, when the increase offered was so far off the men's original demand, until the offer had been approved at a full meeting of the strikers.

The officials retorted that they had full power entrusted to them by representatives of all the labour organisations involved, to strive for a settlement in best terms possible and they felt they had acted in the best interests of the strikers.

After some heated exchanges the disgruntled element was shouted down and left the meeting.

The officials told the meeting that the "back-to-work" order from the Institute was official, and all members were expected to comply with it.

Strikers of the Kowloon Railway paid on a monthly basis were, at their own request, changed over to time basis so as to benefit at once from the wage increase embodied in the settlement.

Representatives from Hopoi, Chahar, Suiyuan and Jehol are gathering in Peiping for a conference today under the chairmanship of Li Tsung-jen, director of the Generalissimo's Peiping headquarters.—Associated Press.

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PICKED KING'S  
BODYGUARD



This photo, taken in Athens on the day fighting broke out on the Albanian-Greek border, shows Greek Evzones (hand picked special guard for King) passing along the Boulevard, next to the Royal Palace in Athens, in the regular Sunday visit to the grave of the Greek Unknown Soldier.—A.P.H.

Grimethorpe Decides  
To Go Back To Work

London, Sept. 11. The handful of Grimethorpe Pit (Yorkshire) coal mine strikers who kept 50,000 idle for nearly two weeks today agreed to return to work. Their action is expected to eliminate quickly the major threat to Britain's vital coal production.

The Grimethorpe workers voted to go back and work their usual shift of coal face of 21 feet long instead of 23 as they were ordered in the drive to stop production to meet Britain's crisis.

This was demanded by their Union and management of the State-owned mines as a condition to investigation of their complaint that the extra work is more than they can do.

Miners throughout South Yorkshire who walked out in sympathy are expected to return quickly. Nearly half a million tons of coal have been lost in the strike.

The Grimethorpe miners will go back on Monday. Eight hundred, including the original 140, who walked out, voted unanimously to return.

Meanwhile in London, opening a mine exhibit, Prime Minister Attlee said he believed the majority of miners are working hard to help the country's plight and added "We want to work up our production until again we can get the export trade to pay for some of our raw materials."

The Minister of Fuel, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, speaking after the Prime Minister, said "Indeed, the national mining industry must be a success. If it should fail in

London, Sept. 10. An official Polish diplomatic source today said the Polish Foreign Minister, Zygmunt Modrzewski, called on the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, and urged the British Government to authorise 100,000 Polish miners to leave Germany for Poland.

A well-informed diplomatic source said Mr. Bevin would not commit himself on the question but promised to look into it.—United Press.

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Kuomintang To Start  
Forced Levies  
Registration Of  
Members' Wealth

Nanking, Sept. 11. China's Kuomintang Party will adopt a programme of financing its activities through "forced contributions" from its 4,000,000 members, a Party spokesman said today.

Provision for the registration of the wealth of all members and Party levies on wealth to defray expenses formerly met by the National Government is contained in the draft platforms submitted to the Central Executive Committee session by both Kuomintang and Youth Corps organisations.

Previous discussions on the registration of wealth of KMT members led to the belief that the purpose was to make these assets available to the Government for economic reconstruction.

A spokesman said that since the Government has discontinued financial contributions to the Kuomintang at the end of the one-party government the Party now depends upon contributions and dues to support its activities.

The source said wealthy Kuomintang members, including those with fortunes abroad, face the heaviest levy for Party support.

Proposals both from the Youth Corps and the Party itself—from which new regulations will be drafted—provide substantial fines for failure of the members to declare their holdings as well as failure to make "proper contributions."

The spokesman said the Party planners already have hit a snag in their efforts to learn the wealth of the members with assets abroad since both United States and British officials have advised Nanking that laws of their countries do not permit banks to release information on depositors.

He said the present Central Executive Committee would not take formal action to merge its 4,000,000 members with the 1,000,000 members of the "San Min Chu Yi" Youth Corps since the standing committees of both groups already have approved the Generalissimo's suggestion for the merger.

The spokesman said the Kuomintang leaders were discussing a plan to hold the next Party Congress on May 5 next year.—Associated Press.

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BOILS MADE  
THE COLONEL  
WAVER

Colonel Vilian Stanley Williams was summoned here today for carers driving. The police said he "wavered."

But the magistrate was lenient and fined him on 30 shillings when he heard the defence counsel's explanation.

"My client is suffering from boils," he said. "From time to time he wriggled on his cushion for more comfort. He admits wavering when doing so."—Reuter.

Colossal  
Bill For  
Rice

Bangkok, Sept. 10. Britain has paid Siam \$8,610,109 for rice received since the end of the Japanese war, the British Information Service said here today.

United States purchases, through different organisations, totalled \$2,558,484 while India spent \$231,838 and China \$1,088,000.

Rice delivered by Siam amounted to 813,370 tons, including 191,780 tons delivered free between October, 1946, and April, 1948.

This also included 4,518 tons of rice for Calcutta, which was lost in the fire disaster at the Kolshebang Anchorage at Bangkok in June. India bore the cost of this loss, it was stated.—Reuter.

a piece of string hanging from a package, discovered explosives which were sufficient to blow up a whole room.—Associated Press.

Murder Plot  
Foiled

Prague, Sept. 11. The Ministry of the Interior announced today that an attempt to assassinate three Czech Ministers with mailed explosive packets disguised as perfume had been foiled yesterday.

Newspapers called the assassination attempt a political plot but placed no specific blame.

The intended victims were Vice-Premier Peter Zizka, General Secretary of the National Socialist Party, Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, and Prokop Drina, Minister of Justice.

A postal employee, suspicious of

Dalton Asks Loan  
For Britain

London, Sept. 11. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, today called on the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund for a \$45,000,000 credit to tide the country over the current economic crisis.

The world economic situation, he said, had changed radically since the founding of the Bank and Fund at Bretton Woods.

"Events have overrun all our calculations and these present meetings are being held under the shadow of an international economic emergency which now prevails."

"As regards Europe the first necessity is a great increase in production and in international trade. This is within the framework of cooperation between Governments. Each nation can and must go a great way along the road to recovery through its own efforts. But unaided most cannot go all the way. Such aid can come in part from the Fund and the Bank."

"In this critical interval there are grave dangers in many countries of economic collapse."

"Even while we are meeting in London, representatives of many nations are meeting in Paris to prepare a plan in response to the bold and generous initiative of Mr. Marshall."

"One such approach is through the 'discussions' in Paris. Another is through our discussions here in London."

United Press.

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EXCOMMUNICATED

Vatican City, Sept. 11. The Sacred Congregation of the Council of the Roman Catholic Church announced today the excommunication of the attackers of Father Milo Budojic, who was killed, and Monsignor Jakob Ukmir, who was wounded in disorders on Aug. 24 at Ljubljana, in the Yugoslav zone of Venezia Giulia.—Associated Press.



## Sweep Tickets In Murder Trial Exhibit

Six tickets on the "Lantao" Handicap were found in a parcel pointed out yesterday by Yuen Chu, the accused in a murder case being heard before Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge), as containing a pawn ticket covering a watch he pawned on May 30. The parcel was lying among the other prosecution exhibits on Counsel's Bench.

Yuen also claimed, in the course of his testimony, that he returned to Hong Kong on June 6 but had not gone to deceased's house because he felt somewhat ashamed over the fact that he had involved him in the loss of over HK\$1,000.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Dowling, is conducting the case for the prosecution. The accused, who is charged with the murder of Lo Yuk, 76, a fertilizer manufacturer, at 15 Shek Kip Mi Street, 2nd floor, on June 2, is being defended by Mr. Marcus A. Silva.

Yuen was arrested on July 1, 1947, on board a train after it had crossed into British territory. He had boarded the train at Canton and was kept under observation throughout the journey by Police Officers from Hong Kong.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Yuen Chu said that he was a native of Shek Lung Village and that his occupation was that of a travelling trader. He had been carrying on business as such since the Japanese surrender.

He came to know the deceased, Lo Yuk, some time in June 1946, and had done business with him on several occasions in connection with fertilizers. The deceased lived and carried on business at 15 Shek Kip Mi Street, 2nd floor.

All dealings up to the end of last year were on a cash basis. In the month of March 1947, Yuen said, he asked for credit because he was short of cash. It was arranged that payment should be made after the fertilizer had been sold.

### Money Seized

He was given one tin of fertilizer and went with Li Kan-tai, deceased's concubine, to Shek Lung. The fertilizer could not be sold and after some eight or nine days, Li Kan-tai returned to Hong Kong.

Yuen said that he eventually sold the fertilizer and received CN\$2,100,000 (the equivalent of HK\$1,000).

On Mar. 26, while he was returning to Hong Kong, the

money was seized by the Chinese Customs. On his arrival here, he informed Lo Yuk of the position and promised to repay the amount involved as and when he could. The deceased agreed to this and invited him to stay.

The next morning, he again left for Shek Lung with Li Kan-tai to raise funds to repay Lo Yuk. He succeeded in raising CN\$200,000 and this was paid to Li Kan-tai "on account."

Yuen did not return to Hong Kong again until May 21. On this visit, he arranged with Lo Yuk to take back two tons of fertilizer for sale. It was also arranged that Li Kan-tai should accompany him.

On May 27, he left for Shek Lung with Li Kan-tai. The deceased had stated that the fertilizer should be sold at HK\$40 a picul.

### Got Chit

Yuen said that on reaching Shek Lung with Li Kan-tai, they could not find any purchaser for the fertilizer at that price. Li Kan-tai then returned to Hong Kong, leaving the fertilizer in a shop for sale.

After Li Kan-tai's departure, the fertilizer was sold. Yuen said that he came to Hong Kong in connection with the matter on May 29. On arrival, he went to Lo Yuk's house and had his meal there. Yuen said that he told Lo Yuk about the sale of the fertilizer and that the money should be collected. Li Kan-tai was present.

Lo Yuk gave instructions to Li Kan-tai to go to Shek Lung to collect the money on May 31.

He slept at Lo Yuk's house on the nights of May 30, and May 31.

On May 31, he went to Shek Lung with Li Kan-tai and procured the fertilizer.

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## Kowloon Parking Criticism

A protest against the inadequate facilities for parking in the Salisbury Road "circus" was made by R. J. Maitland, owner-driver of car 2124, when he appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on two summonses.

In answer to the charge of causing an obstruction at Salisbury Road near Canton Road at 7 p.m. on July 30 Mr. Maitland said that the facilities offered were totally inadequate.

"There were cars there every day and there will be cars there every day," declared defendant. He added that the parking lines in that area were usually not seen by drivers due to the large number of cars.

He parked his car at the end of the line and as there was only a one-way traffic on that side of the road he could not have caused an obstruction.

Sub-Inspector D. Brown pointed out that there was a left-hand turn into Canton Road from Salisbury Road, and that defendant's car was causing an obstruction to vehicles proceeding from the Star Ferry Wharf to Canton Road.

Defendant declared that he paid "a certain firm" a certain amount every month to look after the car.

A fine of \$10 on each summons was imposed by His Worship.

Regarding guilty to having driven car 2750 at 35 m.p.h. along Waterloo Rd. at 11.50 a.m. on Aug. 12, Mrs. D. L. Walker was fined \$50 by His Worship.

Sub-Inspector W. J. D. Cameron was the complainant.

ceeded to the shop where the fertilizer had been left.

Li Kan-tai was handed a chit authorising her to collect a certain amount of money from the bank in Shek Lung. Yuen said that he was with Li Kan-tai when she received the chit as well as when she collected the money. She received HK\$700 and CN\$100,000.

Li Kan-tai then went to purchase a basket. His wife was also present.

Yuen said that while at Shek Lung they had occasion to pass along main roads, as well as side streets. They also walked along country roads. He did not leave Li Kan-tai at any time but accompanied her throughout.

### Trader's Outfit

When asked by Mr. Silva if it would be correct to say that during the time they were together, he had an opportunity of robbing Li Kan-tai, Yuen said that he did not know what was meant by "an opportunity to rob her."

Further questioned, Yuen admitted that the side streets and roads along which they travelled were deserted at times and that there were appreciable periods when they were alone.

Yuen identified an umbrella produced in Court as his property. He said that an umbrella, a towel and a toothbrush was the usual outfit of a travelling trader. The umbrella had been bought in Shek Lung in the "6th Moon" last, from the Chun Koo Firm. Yuen said that he took the umbrella, towel and toothbrush to Lo Yuk's house. After the evening meal, he prepared his bed at about 9 p.m. At 11 p.m. he went out with Lo Yuk and Li Kan-tai for a late meal at a restaurant in Poho Street, after which they returned to the house and he went to bed.

He left the next morning, after expressing his regrets to Lo Yuk and Li Kan-tai over the loss of HK\$400 incurred in connection with the sale of the fertilizer.

He went to the Kowloon Railway Station and took the 8.20 a.m. train, which arrived at Shek Lung some time after 11 a.m.

### Asnared

Yuen then named a number of people whom he saw in Shek Lung Village after his return from Hong Kong on June 1.

On June 6, he returned to Hong Kong and stayed at 1097 Canton Road, 8th floor, for two nights. These premises were used as quarters by coolies.

He did not go to Lo Yuk's place because he felt somewhat ashamed because he had involved Lo Yuk in a loss of over HK\$1,000.

On May 30, he pawned his watch at the Yan Sang Pawnshop in Des Voeux Road East.

Asked by Mr. Silva as to the whereabouts of the pawn ticket,

## Judgment In Lamb Case To-Day

Judgment in the action for damages for false imprisonment, brought by Robert Sandeman Lamb against A. D. Monkhouse, Immigration Officer, will be delivered by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. today.

At the trial, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F. H. Leachy, appeared for Lamb, while Monkhouse was represented by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. L. R. Andrewes.

## CONTAMINATED FOOD GRAVE OFFENCE

The maximum penalty on each and every one of the charges against three defendants, convicted of selling contaminated food, was asked for by Senior Health Inspector G. H. Sherriff on the grounds that the offence was a very serious one and might have resulted in the death of a large number of people.

Declaring that he took a most serious view of the case, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr sentenced Chan Yat (alias Cho Yat) and Lee Chor (alias Tsang Kui) to six months' hard labour on each of four counts and a fine of \$500 (or another six months) in respect of the fifth charge.

Lam Pui was sent to prison for a total term of 12 months on two charges and fined \$500 (or six months) on the third. His plea of "not guilty" in respect of the fourth and fifth charges was accepted by the prosecution. All the sentences were to run consecutively.

The three defendants were alleged to have sold 65 tins of abalone to Lam Tam-hi at 93 Nan Chang Street, ground floor, on Sept. 2; 67 tins to Tang Yee at 173 Pei Ho Street, ground floor, on Sept. 3; 65 tins to Ng Kau, 159 Pei Ho Street, ground floor, on Sept. 9; 24 tins to So Hung, 167 Nan Chang Street, ground floor, on Sept. 8; and 12 tins to Wong Chi-ming, 24 Pei Ho Street on Sept. 9.

### Contaminated

The abalone contained in each and every tin, it was alleged, was in a highly contaminated condition, unfit for human consumption.

Senior Health Inspector Sherriff said that the first and second complainants purchased two lots of abalone from the defendants which they later found to be putrid.

At 8.45 p.m. on Sept. 9 they met defendants at Pei Ho Street near Fuk Wing Street, arrested them and handed them over to PC 1856.

Subsequent inquiries revealed that the defendants had been carrying on a "systematic fraud" on shop-keepers and the general public at 10 Fuk Chuen Hang Street, second floor.

### "Blowing"

The defendants, declared Mr. Sherriff, had been purchasing a quantity of bloated tins of abalone from Canton. The goods were repacked at Sham-shuipo and sold, with a new label, as sound stuff. The fraud was only discovered when some of the tins sold to Lo and Tang began to "blow."

The other three purchasers were discovered during inquiries made by Detective 739, said Mr. Sherriff, who added that a quantity of the goods were seized during the raid on defendant's house.

In asking for the maximum penalty, Mr. Sherriff emphasized the extreme danger to the public who, deceived by the brand-new tins, might be induced to eat the contents. Potomarine poisoning might well result from eating such food.

## St. Andrew's Fete

Many willing hands are already busily employed in preparation for St. Andrew's Church Fete to be held in the Church Grounds on November 8th, 1947, in aid of the Restoration Fund.

With side-shows and many forms of entertainment followed by a Social and Dance organised by St. Andrew's Club, a hearty and happy day is assured for all who come along.

Contributions of cash or gifts, in the form of prizes for competitions, will be thankfully welcomed by the Fete Hon. Treasurer, c/o The Vicarage, St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road.

Yuen pointed to a parcel on the Counsel's table. When this was opened by Inspector Downman, the pawn ticket, as well as six tickets for the "Lantao" Handicap, were found.

Hearing will be resumed this morning.

## Stanley Cheques Notice

A number of cheques, promissory notes and I.O.U.s. surrendered to the Controller of Currency in September, 1945, have not yet been returned to their holders because their addresses are unknown. Some of these are retained in the Colonial Office and some have been sent to Hong Kong.

Any creditor who has not yet received back his cheques should therefore inform the Assistant Financial Secretary by letter of his present address as soon as possible. To avoid delays, envelopes, should be clearly marked "Stanley Cheques," and the name (typed or written in block letters) should be given in full.

As already notified, the help of an arbitration board will be available to those creditors and debtors who are unable to agree on a basis of settlement.

The following have kindly consented to give their services on this board:—H. R. Cleland, Esq., C.A., Chairman; H. R. Sturt, Esq., F.I.A.; Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Any applications for the assistance of the board should be addressed to the Assistant Financial Secretary.

## Personalia

The forthcoming wedding of William Herbert Bennett, accountant, 49 Kadourie Avenue, Kowloon, to Miss Georgina Ann Hon, 47 Chungking Arcade, has been announced.

Among passengers who left for Manila by Cathay Pacific liner yesterday were Mr. R. L. Morrison, and Mr. W. V. Ahern. Mr. Morrison arrived the previous day from Bangkok.

### Bus Cards

Sir,—In your issue of Saturday, September 6, you stated that half-fare cards, bearing the photograph of the pupil will be issued by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, Ltd. to all bona fide students on production of a letter from the principal of their school.

On the strength of this, many students have obtained such letters from their headmasters and have duly presented them to the Bus Company, but were rudely told that there is no truth in your report and that the bus company has no intention of issuing such half-fare cards.

(The Traffic Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company yesterday confirmed the "China Mail" report. He added that the issue of students' half-fare identity cards has been temporarily held up pending consideration of the most suitable and convenient method of issuing such cards.—Ed.)

## GOLD STEADIES

There was a steadier tone in gold yesterday. Opening at \$56.50 a tael, it fell by a dollar but from then on it took the ascent, and reached \$56.30. Towards the close it was easier at \$56.50.

Plastres opened strong at \$14.00 a 100, but selling pressure throughout the day brought the price down to \$13.90. At the close it was \$14.00.

Chinese National Currency was lifeless at 13.05 cents for future and 13.6 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000). U.S. dollars were firmer at \$5.40. Sterling was slightly better at \$14.57, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.54.

## R.A.F. MAN'S ACCIDENT

Aircraftman Pollard, of 367 (R.A.F.) Unit, was admitted to the British Military Hospital yesterday morning, suffering from severe bruises and slight shock. He was detained overnight.

Pollard was driving jeep No. 155080 on Tai Hang Road near Causeway Bay when it overturned and slid a few yards down the hill-side.

## S.P.C.C. FUNCTION

A cocktail party and Fun Fair, in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is to be held at Flagstaff House on Oct. 23.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed, against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera.

## European's Death: Fall After Fight In Wanchai

Mr. F. X. d'Almada sat as Coroner yesterday at the inquest into the death of Able Seaman James Young who died at the Royal Naval Hospital on July 4.

Surgeon Lt. Pelley of the Royal Naval Hospital said that deceased was admitted into the hospital at about 7.30 p.m. on July 2.

Deceased was unconscious, restless and presented all the signs of cerebral irritation. The only external injury was bruising of the right eye and a graze on the left buttock. He died at 3.15 a.m. on July 4.

A post-mortem examination revealed that deceased's brain was severely lacerated. The surface of the brain was covered with a large amount of blood.

Surgeon Lt. Caryl St. John Davies, the next witness, said he saw deceased at 4.00 p.m. on July 2 in the sick bay of H.M.S. "Sussex". His condition was semi-conscious but restless.

External injuries were bruises but no swelling. These could have been caused by a very mild blow.

### On Floor

Lt. C. E. A. Munroe said he was officer of the watch on the morning of July 2. He saw deceased being carried on board by four men. Deceased smelt strongly of alcohol. He could not speak and was taken down to the cell. In the cell he was lying on a bench and appeared to be sleeping very soundly.

Later he was seen to be lying on the floor of the cell. He felt his pulse and it was very fast. The next time he saw him was in the sick bay at 4.00 p.m.

H. L. G. Blizzard, petty officer, said he was in charge of the chore patrol in which A. B. Young was a member. Young was posted to the China Fleet Club.

Visiting his post later deceased was told that he had been drinking and would be reported. At 10.30 p.m. he was found lying on the pavement. Deceased was carried into the China Fleet Club and no injuries were noticed.

A. B. R. Bell, of H.M.S. "Sussex" said he knew deceased. On July 1 he saw deceased playing a hose on a fire in a launch. He was quite sober then and that was the last time he had seen him.

A. B. G. J. Quantrell, of H.M.S. "Sussex" said he knew deceased and saw him at 9.30 p.m. on July 1 at the China Fleet Club.

### Argument

He saw deceased kick a small boy and was going up to him when he saw only Bennett tap him on the shoulder. There was some argument and he heard deceased ask Bennett to come round the corner and he followed.

Deceased tried to punch but missed. Bennett retaliated and struck deceased on the chest which caused him to stagger and fall on his back. He was not prepared to say who was the aggressor.

Various other able seamen gave corroborative evidence of having seen deceased on the night after which the coroner summed up and directed the jury.

The jury deliberated for about 15 minutes and returned the

following verdict: That death was caused by injuries received by a fall subsequent to the fight, aggravating any injuries he might have received during the fight, and possibly the fall in the cell.

## European Lady In Rickshaw Incident

Convicted on charges of assault and using abusive language, to Mrs. Beatrice Church Ho Yuk-tin, 21-year-old rickshaw-puller, was sentenced to a total of four months' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem, prosecuting, stated that defendant's rickshaw was engaged by Mrs. Church at the Star Ferry wharf.

On arrival at the Peninsula Hotel, complainant tendered the proper fare of 30 cents, whereupon defendant caught hold of her index finger, spat at her, and grabbed hold of her wrist, using, at the same time, obscene and abusive language.

Mrs. Church said that accused, at first refused to accept her fare but was told to do so by a constable. During the

short journey he was most abusive and kept on shaking the shafts of the rickshaw.

When she gave him 30 cents he refused to accept it but caught hold of her finger, spat at her, and then grabbed her wrist. He also used "very filthy language" towards her.

She telephoned for the Police. Defendant stated that after all the pullers had refused to accept complainant as a fare she went up to him. He told her, in English, "40 cents" as she always underpaid the pullers.

She kicked the rickshaw before she got in, said accused.

At the Hotel he put off the shafts down for her to get on. She offered 30 cents and he refused it, whereupon she threw the money on to the ground. As she raised her hands as if to strike him, said defendant, he also raised his arms to ward off the anticipated blow.

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## ANTICIPATING

public demand for lower retail prices in the Colony we announce the following maximum retail prices to the public, effective Saturday, 13th September 1947.

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gineers (of foreign or  
Chinese nationality), ex-Naval  
Officers with five years or more  
sea experience and holding a full  
watchkeeping certificate for em-  
ployment in the Marine Depart-  
ment of the Chinese Maritime  
Customs. Particulars of contract  
may be obtained from the Office  
of the Chinese Maritime Customs  
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ing, afternoon and after-school  
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proportion of 2 new shares  
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by Members on the Register  
at 22nd September 1947.

Notice is hereby given that  
the Register of Members of the  
Company will be closed from the  
23rd day of September 1947  
to the 6th day of October 1947,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
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and Appraisers.  
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The Undersigned have received  
instructions to sell by Public  
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Friday, the 12th September 1947  
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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

OFFER OF 97,747 NEW  
SHARES OF \$10 EACH  
AT PAR.

As already announced in the  
Press at a Meeting of the Board  
of Directors of the Green Island  
Cement Company, Limited, held  
on Thursday, the 22nd May,  
1947, it was resolved to offer  
97,747 shares of the nominal  
value of \$10 each (in the pro-  
portion of one new share for  
every complete number of two  
shares held by them respective-  
ly) to the persons who on the  
1st day of July, 1947, were re-  
gistered in the Company's Share  
Register as the holders of the  
195,494 issued shares in the  
capital of the Company at par  
and so that on the acceptance of  
the offer the nominal amount  
due in respect of each such new  
share (namely \$10) shall be  
payable in full.

The offer of new shares to  
Shareholders must be accepted  
on or before the 30th day of  
September, 1947, and such  
shares when allotted will rank  
for Dividend as on and from the  
1st day of October, 1947.

Any of the shares which shall  
not be taken up by the Com-  
pany's Shareholders or their  
nominees in manner aforesaid  
shall be disposed of in such  
manner and at such time of  
time and upon such terms as  
the Company's Directors shall  
at their absolute discretion see  
fit.

No Shareholder shall be en-  
titled to claim for a fraction of  
an additional share in respect  
of any odd issued share held by  
him.

Shareholders are accordingly  
offered the number of shares to  
which they are entitled, as  
specified above.

Shareholders intending to  
take up all the new shares to  
which they are entitled must  
complete and sign a printed  
Form of Acceptance. Such a  
Form, if not already in the Share-  
holder's possession, can be ob-  
tained from the Company, pro-  
vided that satisfactory proof is  
furnished that the person apply-  
ing for the shares is entitled  
thereto.

Shareholders wishing to ac-  
cept only part of the number of  
shares to which they are en-  
titled and to renounce the bal-  
ance in favour of a Nominee, or  
wishing to renounce in favour  
of more than one Nominee must  
surrender the entire Form to  
the Company's Office, Ex-  
change Building, Des Voeux  
Road Central, to be cancelled  
and exchanged for Split Forms  
at any time not later than the  
date of acceptance as specified  
in the Form.

The necessary remittance  
with the full amount payable  
must be forwarded to the Hong  
Kong & Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration, Hong Kong, to be re-  
ceived by them not later than  
the date of acceptance as speci-  
fied in the Form.

If the Conditions of acceptance  
and payment are not duly  
observed the right to participate  
in this issue will be absolutely for-  
feited.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
R. TAYLOR,  
Manager & Secretary.

### EXPORT RECORD

London, Sept. 10.  
July exports of British auto-  
mobiles reached an all-time record  
of 13,800, official statistics showed  
today.

The total is 60 per cent greater  
than the highest pre-war monthly  
volume, and the value the greatest  
ever—£2,600,000.—United Press.

### BURMA REVENUE

Rangoon, Sept. 10.  
Burma's customs revenue dur-  
ing August amounted to 11,675,000  
rupees.

The total customs revenue for  
the first 11 months of the current  
financial year exceeded 108,000,  
000 rupees.—Reuters.

# CHINA'S PROPOSAL ON EGYPT DEFEATED AT UNO

Lake Success, Sept. 10.

A resolution proposed by China, aimed at bring-  
ing about a solution of the Anglo-Egyptian  
treaty dispute when the Security Council re-  
sumed its discussion of the Egyptian complaint  
against Britain today, was defeated.

The resolution said that the re-establishment of  
direct contact would result in an early evacua-  
tion of the remaining British armed forces,  
should recommend that Britain and Egypt (1)  
resume negotiations, and (2) keep the Secur-  
ity Council informed of their progress, and re-  
port not later than Jan. 1.

The Egyptian Prime Minister,  
Nokrashy Pasha, adopted a  
non-committal attitude to the  
Chinese compromise resolution.  
He neither accepted it nor turned  
it down.

The British delegate, however,  
condemned the resolution as  
"unsatisfactory".

Nokrashy Pasha told the  
Council: "No one questions the  
sincerity of the Chinese dele-  
gates, but I would like to make  
it clear that so long as British  
armed forces continue on  
Egyptian territory, I can see no  
prospect of fruitful negotiations  
with the United Kingdom."

"The stationing of foreign  
armed forces on our territory  
puts Egypt in a position of  
inequality in discussion of the  
dispute as we are under constant  
pressure."

"A Threat"  
"A potential threat is always  
there."

"I have repeatedly asked the  
United Kingdom to withdraw  
her troops. This was not com-  
plied with. Why?"

"I can only conclude that  
their purpose is to exert pres-  
sure upon us."

"It was only after failure to  
rectify our position through  
negotiations that we came to the  
Security Council to reclaim our  
sovereignty. The British will  
not evacuate of their own accord  
and, unless we are relieved of  
this pressure, no negotiations  
will be successful."

Sir Alexander Cadogan, the  
British representative, said: "If  
this resolution is put to the vote  
in its present form, my Govern-  
ment would not consider it  
acceptable."

British Denial  
Various resolutions had now  
been proposed, he said, which  
attempted to alter or restrict the  
field of negotiations or assure  
priority to certain parts of it.

The resolution seemed to  
suffer from that defect.

"It does not simply call for a  
resumption of negotiations, but  
seems to emphasize evacuation."

Sir Alexander Cadogan denied  
Nokrashy Pasha's accusation  
that the presence of troops  
exerted pressure on the Egyp-  
tian Government.—Reuters.

Soviet Spy  
Bogey

Moscow, Sept. 10.  
An article in the Russian  
monthly magazine, "New  
Times," today claimed that  
American "reactionaries" are  
creating a worldwide spy sys-  
tem whose sole aim is to find  
out everything going on in the  
Soviet Union.

The article said the recent  
reorganization of the United  
States intelligence service under  
General Marshall "presupposes  
extensive involvement of diplo-  
matic personnel in intelligence  
activities."

The "New Times" added that  
the "cultural missions" special-  
izing in the United Kingdom,  
Asia, Latin America, France  
and Germany "merely serve as  
a cover for a completely differ-  
ent sort of activity."

The article concluded by say-  
ing that American "reactionaries"  
are "trying to take  
up where the Gestapo left off."  
—United Press.

Italian  
Protest  
Rejected

Rome, Sept. 10.  
The Italian Assembly today re-  
ceived a note from the Russian  
government, refusing Parliament's  
protest against the harshness of  
the peace treaty terms.

The letter, signed by Nicolai  
Shvernik, President of the Presi-  
dium of the Supreme Soviet, said  
the Soviet Union "could not ac-  
cept the judgment of the Italian  
Assembly on the peace treaty be-  
cause, although it may contain  
errors, the treaty constitutes the  
starting point toward re-establish-  
ment of new international rela-  
tions."

The Assembly had sent a note  
on the treaty to Russia with the  
Italian women's delegation which  
recently visited Moscow. They  
also noted that "it is useful  
to have these exchanges of dele-  
gations because it helps to spread  
knowledge of the nations."—Unit-  
ed Press.

NEW FISSION  
EXPERIMENTS

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 9.  
The giant cyclotron at the  
University of California has  
produced fission reaction in five  
of the lighter elements, includ-  
ing lead and bismuth, but not of  
a type that would cause an  
atomic explosion, it was learned  
today.

Dr. Isadore Perlman, leader  
of the research group sponsored  
by the Atomic Energy Commis-  
sion, said results were "primar-  
ily useful in shedding more  
light on the atomic nucleus."

Fission reaction previously  
has been observed only in the  
heaviest elements, such as  
uranium and plutonium, used in  
atomic bombs.—United Press.

## War Is Not Practical

Trugga, Lie, Secretary-  
General of the United Na-  
tions, on Wednesday expres-  
sed the conviction that "no  
country with the power to  
make war regards war as a  
practical proposition now or  
in the future."

He said, "The most basic  
and damaging disagreement  
which exist today will be re-  
solved because they must be  
resolved. From the point of  
view of the United Nations it  
is simply not conceivable or  
tolerable that the world shall  
be divided permanently into  
several groups or camps."  
—Associated Press.

## AFL Hints At More Pay Demand

Chicago, Sept. 11.  
The American Federation of  
Labour Executive Council hinted  
today that a third round of post-  
war wage demands could be ex-  
pected if the cost of living con-  
tinues to soar.

Wage boosts were granted to  
most major unions in the first  
year after V-J Day. Generally  
they amounted to 18½ cents an  
hour. A second increase, ranging  
from 11 to 15½ cents hourly was  
passed on to most big unions this  
spring and summer.

The top 16 AFL officers said the  
wage hikes were inadequate to  
keep pace with prices. "Inflation  
has now assumed alarming pro-  
portions," the Council said.

The purchasing power of the wage  
earner's dollar had been cut in  
half since the war.—Associated  
Press.

## British Propose But Russians! Dispose?

Vienna, Sept. 9.

A revolutionary new proposal that if the Russians  
would make a move to meet the Western allies  
on other fundamental issues, there should be a  
reallocation of all concessions for the exploita-  
tion of Austrian oil, was made here today by  
Sir George Rendel, British delegate to the  
Austrian Treaty Commission.

The British proposal, made  
with the agreement of the  
Americans, would give Russia  
that share of Austrian oil  
which the Germans would have  
had if Austria had been a free  
agent.

The scheme would, however,  
ensure that no foreign power  
secured a monopoly of Austrian  
oil. It would also permit foreign  
scientific exploration of Aus-  
trian oil supplies without  
threat to Austria as an inde-  
pendent sovereign power.

The Russians countered the  
British proposal by stating that  
Britain only objected to a Rus-  
sian monopoly of the Austrian  
oil industry as Britain and the  
United States wanted the mono-  
poly themselves.

The British delegate pointed  
out that Britain had favoured  
handing over the whole of the  
Austrian oil industry as a na-  
tionalised concern to the Aus-  
trian state.

As the Russians objected to  
this, Britain was now pro-  
posing a solution which would  
give all interested states, in-  
cluding Austria, their rights.

Britain felt that the whole  
future of Austria as an in-  
dependent state depended upon  
her securing a reasonable share

in the exploitation of her own  
supplies.

British delegation circles feel  
that the prospects of an agree-  
ment being reached before the  
breaking up of the Commission  
were very slight unless Russia  
was prepared to make con-  
siderable changes of policy.—  
Reuters.

Calcutta, Sept. 10.  
Lord Listowel, Secretary for  
Burma, passed through Calcutta  
today on his way to New Delhi.—  
Reuters.

Threat To Bomb  
Cairo Embassy

Cairo, Sept. 10.

The British Embassy in Cairo this evening receiv-  
ed an anonymous letter threatening that the  
Embassy building would be destroyed if the  
Security Council decision on the Anglo-Egypt-  
ian treaty dispute were unfavourable to Egypt.

The letter, addressed to the legations, consulates and the  
First Secretary, said that in ad-  
dition to the Embassy building,  
other British establishments in  
Cairo, including the Shell offices  
and depots, would be bombed out.

The Embassy immediately in-  
formed the police who ordered  
additional security measures  
round the buildings named in the  
letter.

Earlier, Cairo's police com-  
mandant had declared a "state of  
emergency" and placed strong  
guards on all foreign embassies,  
destroyed.—Reuters.

## Given Title Of A Duke's Daughter

LONDON, SEPT. 10.

THE KING TODAY GAVE  
MRS. RICHARD BRANDAM,  
THE FORMER PRINCESS  
KATHERINE OF GREECE,  
SISTER OF KING PAUL, THE  
TITLE, RANK AND PRECE-  
DENCE OF A DUKE'S  
DAUGHTER.

Henceforth, she will be Lady  
Katherine Brandam.

Since she married Major  
Brandam of the Royal Artillery,  
Princess Katherine has been a  
British subject like her cousin,  
Princess Marina, Duchess of  
Kent, and Prince Philip, now  
Lieut. Mountbatten.

Princess Katherine, who gave  
up a white marble palace in  
Athens to marry an English  
commoner, now faces a problem  
similar to those of all English  
newly-weds. She is unable to  
find a home in which to live, and  
since her marriage has been  
living with her in-laws at  
Bickley, Kent.—United Press.

## ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Cairo, Sept. 10.

The financial committees of the  
Chamber of Deputies and the  
Senate are to meet on Sept. 10  
to consider the question of reopening  
the Alexandria Cotton Bourse.

It was expected that the  
Cabinet—which last night decided  
"in principle" to reopen the  
Bourse—would take a final  
decision the same day.—Reuters.

## BRITONS WARNED: MILD WINTER UNLIKELY

London, Sept. 10.

The Ministry of Agriculture today warned British  
farmers not to count on a mild winter.

The news is sure to be a blow  
to farmers who in face of the  
summer drought and disastrous  
spring floods, were charged by  
the Government crisis plan to  
increase British home food  
production 20 per cent.

This Ministry weekly news-  
letter cautioned farmers to pre-  
pare for a hard winter rather  
than to gamble on a mild one.

Britain's warm summer rala-  
ried farmers' hopes that the win-  
ter would be mild and ease the  
burden of increasing produc-  
tion.

The newsletter disclosed one  
of the ways the Ministry hopes  
to step up wheat production by  
pushing a new variety of wheat  
known as Steadfast, which pro-  
duces shorter and stronger  
straw and has high rust resist-  
ance. The letter said Steadfast  
had white grain and was  
derived from a cross between  
Little Joss and Victor.

The Ministry revealed that  
the 1946 potato crop had been  
"barely sufficient for safety"  
and "every tuber of the 1947  
crop will be needed."—United  
Press.

## TYRONE POWER

Capetown, Sept. 11.

Tyrone Power, the Holly-  
wood film star, of whom  
nothing had been heard here  
since he left the United  
States on Aug. 27 to fly his  
own plane to South Africa,  
landed at Robertsfield, Liberia,  
today, according to a report  
picked up by a Johannesburg  
radio station, who had been  
in touch with a Los Angeles  
amateur in direct communica-  
tion with the film star's plane.  
It was reported that Power  
made a safe landing, and will  
fly to Leopoldville, Belgian  
Congo, today.—Reuters.

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"barely sufficient for safety"  
and "every tuber of the 1947  
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of confidence, brain fog and ver-  
vous, improves functional ability in a  
natural manner and counteracts effects of  
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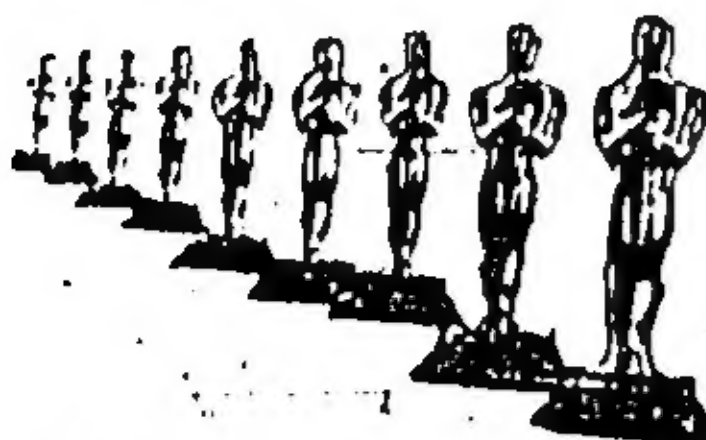
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## HONG KONG ELECTRIC'S INCREASE IN CAPITAL

The authorised capital of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. was, by special resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting held yesterday, increased from \$18,000,000 to \$50,000,000 by the creation of 3,200,000 new shares of \$10 each.

The issued capital of the Company was at the same meeting increased from \$15,000,000 to \$21,000,000 by the issue of 600,000 new shares to shareholders.

Moving the adoption of the resolution the Chairman, Mr. N. O. C. Marsh said: "The original authorised capital of the company in 1889 was \$200,000. In 1899 this was increased to \$600,000. A further increase was made in 1920 to \$3,000,000 and in 1928 the authorised capital was increased to \$6,000,000. Subsequently in 1940 it was increased to \$18,000,000 at which figure the authorised capital now stands.

"The steady increase in the authorised capital of the company reflects its growth and it is felt that a further increase is now necessary in order to take care of any expansion during the next decade. It is for this reason that the figure of \$50,000,000 has been agreed upon by your Board.

"In 1940 it was considered prudent to increase the company's generating capacity to finance which an issue was made in 1941 at par. For various reasons which would appear obvious it was decided not to make a purchase of plant at that time but to keep the money invested in Britain until such time as more normal conditions prevailed—a wise precaution. This plant, delivery of which is expected towards the end of the year, will only take care of part replacement of our low pressure side and the increased load that was then anticipated.

"With the occupation of the colony and its resultant maintenance and removal of plant, further replacements are imperative. It is also essential to lay new cables to the centre of the city to meet the increased demand for light and power. It has been decided that the time has arrived when our high tension distribution voltage must be raised in order to reduce our transmission losses and minimise the cost of copper. Future distribution from the North Point Generating Station to the city will be raised from 6,600 volts to 22,000 volts.

"In order to finance the purchase of new plant and distribution equipment, it is the intention of your Board, subject to the increase of the authorised capital being approved, to issue 600,000 shares at par in the proportion of 2 shares for every 5 held on September 22 of this year, such shares to rank for dividend from Oct. 1947."

Mr. Marsh then moved "that the authorised capital of the company be increased from its present capital of \$18,000,000 divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each (of which 1,500,000 shares have been issued) to \$50,000,000 by the creation of 3,200,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the company."

The motion was seconded by Mr. G. G. Wood and carried unanimously.

Supporting Mr. Marsh in the chair were the Hon. Mr. D. F. Laundie, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chiu, Sir Shoumen Chow, Mr. W. A. Stewart and Mr. E. R. Hill (Directors) and Mr. F. F. Duckworth (Acting Manager).

Shareholders present were Messrs. B. Wong Tape, Leung Fat-tin, Leung Juen-chuk, W. Stoker, E. S. Abraham, E. L. Groome, Ip Kwai-chung, Wong Chi-po, P. Loureiro and G. G. Wood.

### Police Reserve Orders

Hong Kong Police Reserve Orders No. 25 of 1947:

**Heat Duties.**—Members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will proceed for Heat Duties as ordered by their Company Commanders. They will parade fifteen minutes before the commencement of duty, at the station specified in their warning notices, to draw arms, dress, summer uniform.

**Drill Parade.**—Drill parade will be held at the Murray Parade Ground, every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30 hours to 10.45 hours, for all members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies. Members of No. 1 Company No. 1 platoon will parade as above on Friday and No. 2 platoon on Tuesday. Members of No. 2 Company No. 1 platoon will parade on Tuesday and No. 2 platoon on Friday.

**Band Practice.**—Members of the H.K.P. (R) Band will parade at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters, every Sunday, at 11.00 hours, sharp for their practice under Mr. W. F. Ayres (bandmaster).

**Swimming Gala.**—The Hong Kong Police Sports Association are holding their post-war swimming sports at the Victoria Recreation Club, on Saturday, Sept. 13, commencing at 9 p.m. The following will represent the Hong Kong Police Reserve: Messrs. N.G. Rolph; Lo Yuen-shing; Man-ling Li; Lee Man-sang; Ho Tin-ming and Wong Kam-chuen. Members of the H.K.P. (R) are cordially invited to attend the gala in order to encourage our representatives. Admission will be gained by producing the Identification Card.

**Rugby Football.**—The R.A.F. have approached the H.K.P. with a view to running a joint XV as last year, for the coming season. It is hoped that we may know how many Police intend to play next season, would those interested send their names to the Adjutant, H.K.P. (R) c/o Police Headquarters as soon as possible, together with the position in which they play.

By Order,  
(Sd.) N. U. ROLPH, Adjutant, P.R.

**HKVDC ORDERS**

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Owen-Hughes, E.D., Acting Commandant, H.K. V.D.C. Order No. 37/47 dated Sept. 11, 1947.

**Security of Information.**—It is necessary to draw the attention of all ranks that they are still bound by the Official Secrets Act while serving in H.M. Forces, and after demobilisation. These acts are in force in the U.K. and, generally speaking, all British Territories overseas unless replaced by local enactment on similar lines. They also apply to British Subjects in foreign countries.

**Hong Kong Services Rifle Association.** There will be no practice shoots this week-end.

**Part 2 Orders.** Order No. 35/47, Arrivals DR285, Pte. Kim N. Arrived in Hong Kong on 12.9.47.

(Sd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

**BUDDHIST MONK'S LECTURE**

At a reception held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday by the Y's men Club, the Venerable Lokanatha, Italian Buddhist Monk, gave an address on the fundamentals of Buddhism.

### ANOTHER '23 QUAKE?

Tokyo, Sept. 11.  
Whether another earthquake approaching the severity of the historic 1923 disaster (which took a death toll of nearly 100,000) will strike Tokyo-Yokohama area in the near future was deliberated today by Japanese seismologists, some of whom warn the country may expect a shock within the coming few months. Japanese weather officials in March, 1947, obtained SCAP permission to caution the people that earthquakes activity was increasing in the Tokyo region and that, while precautions should be taken, there was no need for alarm. —United Press.

### Mass X-Rays Urged To Fight T.B.

Shanghai, Sept. 11.  
The development of a mass X-ray programme for tuberculosis treatment and prevention in China was urged in an address here today by Mr. Irving Laurie, tuberculosis adviser to the World Health Organisation.

By determining early treatable cases, he said, millions could be safeguarded from the disease, which took a yearly toll in China of 1,200,000 deaths.

He estimated that there are 12,000,000 cases actually needing treatment per year, with four to five million requiring hospitalization. Against this number, there are only 2,500 beds in the whole country for tuberculosis cases. Dr. Laurie also advocated a greater use of BCG vaccine as protection against the disease and expressed the hope that a BCG production centre in China will be established in Peiping by the end of next year. —Reuter.

### COLONY'S BILL OF HEALTH

A total of 177 cases, with 48 deaths, of infectious diseases were reported in the Colony for the period August 31 to September 6.

Tuberculosis accounted for 38 deaths and 181 cases, malaria for 4 deaths and 24 cases, enteric fever for 3 deaths and 9 cases and cerebro-spinal meningitis for 3 deaths and 4 cases.

During the same period, 483 births were registered on the Island and 272 in Kowloon. Deaths from all causes totalled 245.

### CHINA-FRISCO PHONE

Shanghai, Sept. 11.  
The Telecommunications Administration today announced that another schedule between 8 a.m. and noon Shanghai time (2300 to 0300 GMT) has been added to the time table for the Shanghai-San Francisco radiophone. In the old schedule the circuit was open only between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Shanghai time (1100 and 1700 GMT). —United Press.

### GENERAL LERCH DEAD

Seoul, Sept. 11.  
Major-General Archer L. Lerch, military governor of the United States occupied South Korea, died today of a heart attack. The American Commander became seriously ill on Aug. 29 and heart disease was suspected at the time. —Associated Press.

### WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. McDouall \$150, In Memory of Mr. Fred Xavier Mr. C.A. Lopes \$10; Total \$160; Hong Kong Government Contribution \$160; Received to September 10th, 1947: \$2,849,807.02; Grand Total: \$2,849,127.02.

### U.S. AND BASES IN ITALY

ROME, SEPT. 10.  
AN ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF REPORTS IN THE ROME NEWSPAPER "MOENNTO SERA" YESTERDAY OF A POSSIBLE UNITED STATES REQUEST FOR NAVAL BASES IN ITALY.

After the peace treaty was signed, foreign warships must ask permission before entering Italian ports, the spokesman said. Yesterday "Moennto Sera" quoted Admiral Bernard H. Bieri, commander of United States naval forces in the Mediterranean, as saying: "The United States fleet in the Mediterranean is here to stay."

Admiral Bieri would not say whether the United States was seeking Italian naval bases, the paper wrote, but its correspondent believed that such plans were under way in Washington. —Reuter.

### NEW STATION IN MANILA

Washington, Sept. 11.  
The State Department's effort to keep the Voice of America programme before nations of the Orient will be expanded today with the opening of a new short-wave station near Manila. The new station will be opened at 5 p.m. Manila time. Appearing on the inaugural programme will be the Chinese and Siamese Ambassadors and Philippine Minister Ramos.

The new station is expected to have a range of around 2,000 miles from its origin. —Associated Press.

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12.32 p.m.—Variety.

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1.15 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Variety.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

4.00 p.m.—Studio Children's Half-Hour.

6.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orch.

6.55 p.m.—Studio "See Two" on Sport.

7.00 p.m.—Studio "You Asked for It".

Variety Request Programme presented by Monica Jack.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Studio "Music Hall".

8.45 p.m.—Variety.

9.00 p.m.—Studio: Two Piano Recital by Caroline Briggs and Betty Brown.

9.30 p.m.—H.K.C. Transcription Service: "Followship of the Firm" by Edgar Wallace. Episode 9. "The Race to Gloucester."

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—Cello Interlude.

10.30 p.m.—Gounod's "Pastor". Act 4 and 5. With Miriam Licette, Redie Naak, Dora Vana and Robert Easton and H.K.C. Chorus & Orch.

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## TRUTH?

Nothing is more badly needed in the world today than understanding of an sympathy with the problems and difficulties of other peoples. Customs, habits, lines of thought and modes of action differ tremendously from one end of the world to the other, conditioned by a thousand converging factors of life and circumstance. To an ever increasing degree, our lives are influenced and altered by policies and events in faraway places which in their turn are influenced and altered by the things which happen to us. Much of the ill feeling and friction between nations is due to imperfect understanding, not only of the problems of others, but of one's own problems in relation to the rest of the world and lack of understanding is the short cut to prejudice and intolerance. Leo Tolstoy, discussing in "War and Peace" the forces that move nations and the question of free will or inevitability, says, "The first consideration is the clearness of our perception of the man's relation to the outside world, and the greater or lesser clearness of our understanding of the definite position occupied by the man in relation to everything co-existing with him." These words were written after the European upheaval caused by the Napoleonic Wars but are even more true of the world today when the remotest corner of the globe feels the repercussions of everything that happens on it. Much has been said and written of the wonders of this scientific age. The four corners are linked together by mere split seconds in time. The world has shrunk to a very small place indeed, but everything that conduces to bring countries closer together brings people closer too. The rapid strides in the field of mechanical invention have not been equalled or even approximated in the sphere of human understanding. We know far more about things than we do about people; we appreciate the things that are made far better than we understand the men and women who make them. We, in Hong Kong, have been chided for our lack of civic responsibility, but that is only the first page of the first lesson. Until the peoples of the world develop a sense of responsibility, not only towards their own community, nation or commonwealth, but towards the whole world and the people living in it, there can be no lasting peace and prosperity. Just as no man can live for himself alone, no nation, however great and powerful, can be sufficient unto itself. If there is one lesson that the history of the past century should have taught us, it is that we stand or fall together, not as separate countries or continents, but as the human race and that we should foster international goodwill and probity to the full. One of the most powerful and far reaching means of influencing thought, stimulating interest and encouraging tolerance and understanding is through the medium of the Press. Almost everyone who can read at all has access to newspapers and to a large extent, depends on the information they disseminate for the formation of views on current events. Truth, we know, has varying shades of appearance according to the angle from which she is approached. But when truth is deliberately distorted and exaggerated, with the object of fomenting ill-will and discord, the responsibility is a heavy one. The reporting by some foreign correspondents of the disembarkation at Hamburg is a case in point. Condemnation by leading British newspapers of the fantastic stream of accusations against British troops in the handling of the Jews, sent to certain American newspapers, must receive the full endorsement and support of every self-respecting newspaper in the world.

# Sidelights On The Fall Of Berlin

## By A Special Correspondent

Berlin. "Will you please trace this rare shark which has been preserved in spirits in the Berlin zoological museum? That is the kind of question that is shot by the Control Office at harassed conscientious Control Commission officials in Berlin.

The man in blue uniform set out on his mission through the ruins of Berlin to the zoological museum in the Invalidenstrasse and came back with the following answer: "Dear Sir, I have to inform you with regret that the Curator of fishes in the zoological museum has been drowned and that the shark in question has perished, the spirits in which he was preserved having been consumed by Russian forces occupying Berlin."

I am paraphrasing the actual letter that was written but the sense of it is true. The worthy curator of the fish section of the zoological museum took refuge in a cellar in May 1945 when the Russians stormed into Berlin, and a light-hearted Red Army soldier who had fought his way into the capital turned a fire-hose down the steps with the object of dislodging any dangerous Nazi agents who might be hiding. This mild German avant-garde met his death in the watery elements and the exhausted Russian storm troops afterwards drank the spirits in which his pet shark had been preserved for twenty years. Whoever delves beneath stones and ruins in this fantastic country will find such extraordinary facts defying embellishment. Listen to another.

## Master Pieces

Does anybody know how the world lost eight hundred masterpieces of oil painting? When they first stormed into Berlin, the Russian troops occupied the Kaiser Friedrich museum and barracked in its vast galleries. It so happened that some of its pictures were still stored there, and careless soldiers set one floor alight within a few days. The fire was extinguished, but within a week another floor caught fire, and when the troops of the western allies marched into Berlin in July 1945, the art experts were horrified to discover that the world had lost eight hundred works of art including Tintoretto's, Paul Veronese's and Van Dyck's.

Someone some day must write a history of the occupation of Berlin, gathering up the painful facts from the victors and the vanquished as to how this modern Babylon was encompassed and destroyed. To it belongs the story of the desperate egotist in the air raid shelter, Adolf Schickelgruber, named Hitler, and the nameless and countless sufferers of the people whom he led, deceived and forgot. To it belongs the story of the first looting of Berlin, when such treasures poured out of the capita of Nazism into the hungry wastes of Russia as would figure very largely in the total Russian reparations claim of ten milliards of dollars.

## Grosses Story

The curator of Charlottenburg castle, the last lonely possession of the Hohenzollerns in Berlin, could tell you a gruesome story of

stormed Potsdam. Through the glare of battle the Russians broke into the Royal town and swarmed over the Boulevards, with their quaint canals, and into the Frederickian houses where the old military families had lived since Frederick the Great made this town the residential capital of Prussian Germany.

They broke into the Hohenzollern mausoleum and opened a hilly coffin of the Hohenzollern dynasty searching for rings and jewellery. Bloodshot and war-crazed they unwrapped the corpses, and, finding a pair of fine shagreen boots upon one prince, they took them off and made a fetish of trying them on. Queens and empresses were turned up of their last repose in this stinky orgy. Exhausted, deathly weary from weeks of infantry combat, the Russian soldiers found these padded collars more comfortable than anything in which they had slept for many months and they dragged them into convenient positions and slept in them the sleep of the dead.

When they had finished the search for loot, the Russian, privates raided Prince Oscar's house and removed the enamel plumbing with the mistaken idea that they could clamp it on to any wall and expect the water to flow from it.

## Two Years After

Doubtless it would be possible to drag the Seine for such incongruities in the massacre of Saint Bartholomew's night or find in Lenin's nightmares of similar hue from the French revolution. The interesting point is that, two years after, not a single attempt has been made seriously to collect the historical data on the siege

and fall of Berlin; surely one of the most momentous events in human history. Between the first of April and July 1945, an unwritten chapter in the history of war was enacted. The details are with the directors of hospitals, museum curators, with the clerks of private houses, with the tram conductors and railway officials, with the town-councillors, and with the man in the street. This is not an accusation and an indictment of the Russians because anyone who can imagine the destruction of eastern Europe and western Russia by the Nazis will know that it is not possible to point a moral in the ruins of Germany against anyone of the allies. But it is a very sketchy record, for which I have official corroboration, of the strange tricks that were played with European civilisation in those three months of April, May and June 1945 while there was no established civil power in the capital of Germany.

## U.S. FLEET TO STAY

Rome, Sept. 9. Admiral Bernard H. Blier, Commander of the United States naval forces in the Mediterranean, told a correspondent of the Italian newspaper "Momenta Sera" today that "the American Fleet in the Mediterranean is here to stay."

"It will continue the closest co-operation with the British Navy and will continue to navigate Italian waters and other Mediterranean zones even after the signing of the German peace treaty," he added.

## Just A New Spanish Custom

By CEDRIC SALTER

Spain's new summer sport is under-water fishing. At every Mediterranean sea-side resort, from the French frontier to Gibraltar, you will see peculiarly armed enthusiasts diving for their dinner in the deep, blue-green water among the rocks.

Once in a while, after an extra flurry of foam from the rubber "frog" shoes which they wear, one will emerge with a prize. Perhaps it will be a flapping 3 lb. "merluza": quite often it is a baby octopus, the size of a flat, furiously squirring ink, hideous to look at, but delicious when properly cooked together with rice, garlic, mussels, lobster, red peppers and chicken—which surprising mixture, for your information, appears on the menu as "paella".

The sport is popular, too, in Spain's north coast resorts of San Sebastian and Santander, but the sea being much warmer in the Mediterranean, it is around Barcelona, and across in the Balearic Islands, that you will find it most generally practised.

The complete equipment, which is on sale in any of the big sports outfitters in Spain, costs about £25, and consists of the following items.

## Spring Pistol

First, a light metal pistol, fitted with a strong coil spring, and loaded with a cord attached. Pressing the trigger fires the harpoon accurately under water for six feet or so—less reliably, for perhaps, 10 feet.

Second, a very light metal tube about a yard long, with a rubber mouth piece which the fisherman holds in his teeth, and through which he can breathe while searching for his fish. This enables him to keep his head below the dazzling surface reflections for long enough to have a good look around in the cool green depths where his dinner may be lurking.

Third, special water-tight goggles, on each side of which are small rubber bulbs of air, which deflate as the wearer dives deeper, and so keep the air-pressure steady on the eyes and avoid the otherwise inevitable mistiness of sight that begins as soon as you get more than a few feet down.

Lastly, to complete the outfit, a rubber shoe, with long, wide, toe-laps, exactly like those used by the British "frog-men" to attack the underwater defences of the Normandy beach-head on D-Day.

## The Expert

The expert, while searching for his victim, has only his feet on the surface, and keeps his body at an angle of about 45 degrees, head downwards and breathing through his periscope tube, gun at the ready

in one hand while the other helps the frog's feet paddle in his stealthy progress while stalking his fish.

It sounds a bit complicated, but the fact that the sport is so general in Spain, among women as well as men, proves that it isn't nearly as difficult as it sounds.

Personally, however, I find it simpler to buy my fish at the little shop around the corner, but don't let that discourage you.

## Surf Rolling

For seaside entertainment, give me the boldest surf-rolling "sessions" which are the 'order of the day' at the Portuguese resorts. What with the shortage of newspapers, almost the world over, it might be a sound idea for a journalist to have a spare-time occupation, at that; and I have found one—the job of Professional Bather.

This is the season when scores of very unhappy Portuguese peasants, from inland arrive at the coast, having been ordered a course of sea bathing by their local doctors. The great majority of them have never even seen the sea before, let alone bathed in it, and doctors' orders to try it are the signal, in their home villages, for the signing of Last Wills and Testaments and general family mourning.

The party arrives on the beach, already walling with intelligent anticipation. Neatly dressed in a bag-like garment composed of half a dozen layers of thick black cotton, designed along the lines of an up-to-date sack of potatoes. This is drawn in tightly round the neck by tapes, while similar precautionary measures seal the victim off, from any risk of immodesty, at wrist and ankle.

## Pro. Bathers

Standing in about four feet of water are two male and two female "Professional" Bathers, muscled like all-in wrestlers, who seize the patient in a relentless grasp, and proceed to "avouch" him, or her, backwards through half-a-dozen Atlantic rollers, to the accompaniment of shrieks of terror, which are echoed from the distracted relatives who stand wringing their hands on the beach. Just for good measure the Professional Bathers then give their captive a final dunk, head and all, rather after the manner of an American "dunking" a doughnut in his cup of coffee.

The victims are then released and lie prostrate on the sand, surrounded by sympathetic bathers, their shrieks slowly subsiding as the immediate expectation of death recedes. It's a Profession with a future, too, as the number of patients has steadily increased each year since 1941.

CARNIVAL TIME By Dick Turner



"He picks up a tidy bit of extra cash doing these glass desk tops!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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## SEEK SAFETY IN SLAMS

So many points are at stake in a slam contract that a sound rubber bridge player will strive to place such an effort in the safest declaration. The slight gain in total from being in the higher-paying call—such as a major in preference to a minor or No Trumps in preference to a suit—should not be considered except when one declaration seems as free from danger as the other. That is not always so in match point duplicate, where failure to be in the higher-paying declaration may lose the hand. But in rubber bridge it is sound to say that every slam contract should be in whatever seems the safest.

S A K 10 6 4 3 2  
H K 8 5 4  
C None

SJ 987  
W E H A I J  
D 10 9  
C K 10 5 4 3

SJ 987  
W E H A I J  
D 10 9  
C K 10 5 4 3

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

North East South West  
1S Pass 3D Pass  
2S Pass 4D Pass  
3H Pass 4NT Pass  
4D Pass 6NT Pass

If North and South had been using the 4-No Trumps in its natural meaning, North's 6-Diamonds bid would have told South all about the adequate support held for that suit. But since the Blackwood convention was in use, the response spoke only about North's possession of a single ace. South therefore knew nothing about his partner's support of diamonds, so placed the slam in No Trumps—an unhappy choice.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S K 6 5 2  
H A Q 8 7 4 2  
D 7 5  
C 6

SJ 987  
W E H A I J  
D 10 9  
C K 10 5 4 3

S A 8 4 3  
H None  
D A K 8 2  
C A K Q 8 3

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

Can you figure out how to take enough tricks for South's 6 Spades contract after West leads the diamond Q?

## Yugoslav-Austrian Border Incidents

Belgrade, Sept. 10.

Discussions are taking place between British and Yugoslav army commanders to settle complaints of incidents on the Yugoslav-Austrian border before they become international in character.

The conversations began at the suggestion of the British Ambassador in Belgrade, Mr. Charles Penke, immediately after the meeting between Marshal Tito, Premier of Yugoslavia, and Lieut. General Sir James Steele, Commander of the British Forces in Austria, at Bled on Monday.

Incidents along the Austrian-Yugoslav frontier have long caused considerable friction. The Yugoslavs charged "displaced persons" in the British Zone with forming armed bands and raiding border posts causing loss of life and property.

British complaints include periodic arrests by the Yugoslavs of British personnel who stray across the frontier. British circles here felt that relations between the two countries could be considerably improved if the incidents were settled locally, preferably by personal contact between the British commander and his Yugoslav counterpart.

The Yugoslav agreement "on displaced persons signed in Bled on Monday provided that legitimate Yugoslav requirements should be satisfied and that rights of Yugoslav displaced persons should be fully safeguarded."

Reuter.

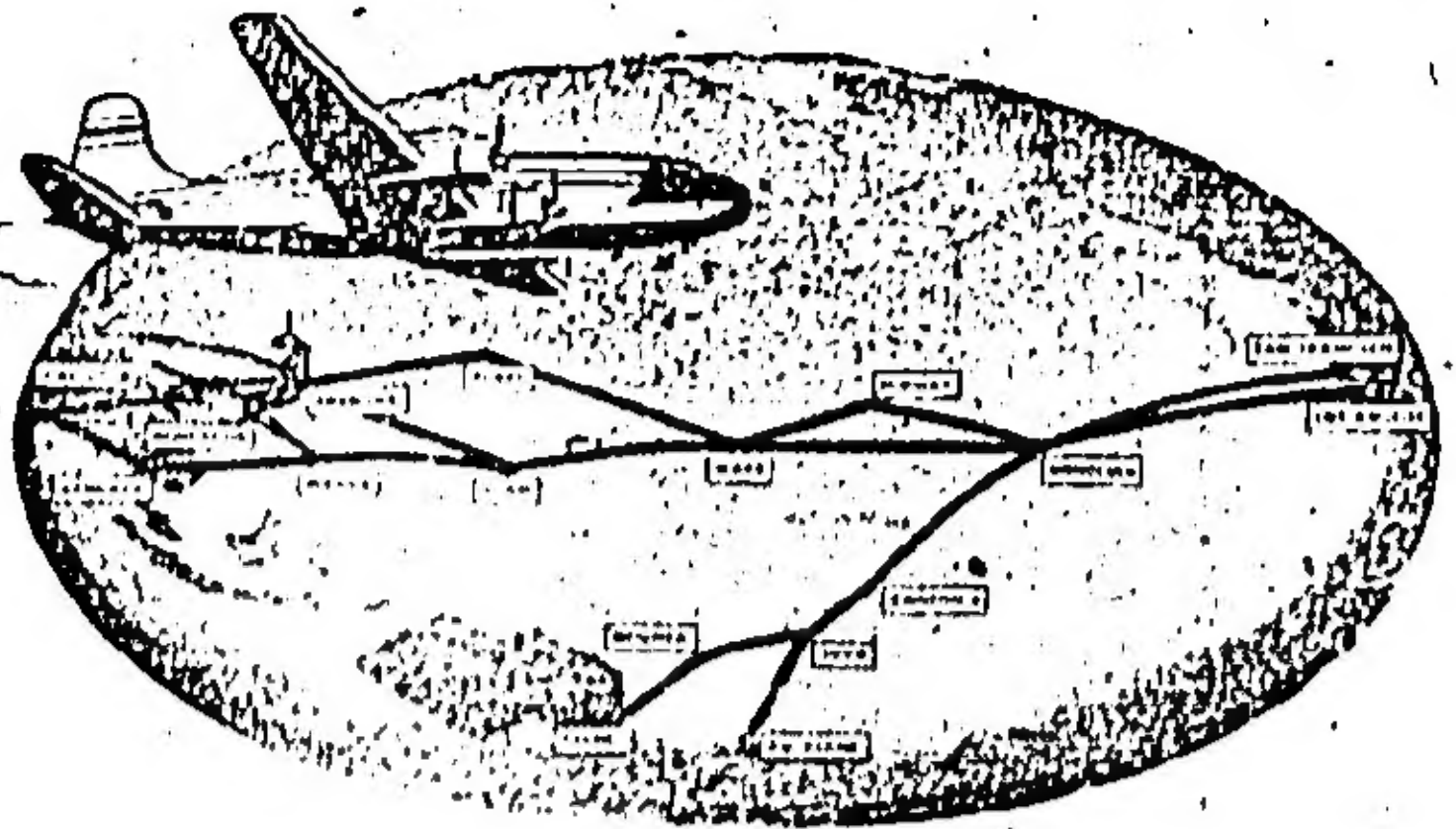
## The Hong Kong Government Civil Service List for 1947

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# WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MOOTED Co-Ordination Of International Policies To Promote Study Of Critical Situations

Geneva, Sept. 10.  
The third annual assembly of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation will tomorrow consider the recommendations for an 18-nation World Food Council, which were adopted at a meeting of the Assembly's commission on constitutional measures lasting until the early hours of this morning.

This council, if accepted, will replace the present executive committee as the FAO's governing body.

Sir John Boyd Orr, British Director of FAO, at the organisation's last assembly in Copenhagen, proposed that the World Food Council should have authority to create a world food pool for the purchase, sale and distribution of foodstuffs on a worldwide basis.

But the council of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, as laid down in the recommendations evolved last night, will be only an advisory body designed to aid in co-ordinating national and international policies in relation to food.

If the recommendations are accepted the council will be formed under an amendment proposed by the United States, which makes the council members official representatives of the countries concerned, under an independent chairman.

### Main Duties

The council's main duties would be:

- (1) To examine developments in inter-governmental agricultural commodity agreements;
- (2) To co-ordinate national and international policies in relation to production, distribution and consumption;
- (3) To promote the study of critical situations and recommend action to improve them;
- (4) To advise on emergency measures for the export and import of food or materials needed to carry out national programmes of agricultural development.

The Indian representative questioned the provision of an independent chairman made by the conference. He said that the chairman should be chosen among the members of the council.

The recommendation to have an independent chairman was approved by 20 votes to two.—*Reuters*.

## Another SCAP Paradox

Tokyo, Sept. 9.  
SCAP is "seriously considering" a plan to buy 100,000 to 150,000 tons of United States coking coal at \$30 per ton for selected Japanese industries although Japan is presently selling coal to Korea at the rate of 6,000 tons per month at \$12 per ton.

The paradoxical — on the surface — situation was disclosed when the United Press learned that Mr. Gordon Behr, of Los Angeles, California, representing Yarns & Co., offered to sell American coal to SCAP for use in the rayon, textile and mud-dye industries which, it was estimated, could purchase coal at that price and still make a profit from exports.

Mr. Frank E. Pickelle, Deputy Chief of the foreign trade division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section, confirmed today that a decision on the proposal would definitely be made "within a few days." — *United Press*.

## Empire And Dollar Crisis

London, Sept. 9.  
Mr. D. C. Abbott, the Canadian Minister of Finance, said today that he expected to meet Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tomorrow for preliminary talks on matters of mutual interest.

Mr. Abbott, who is in London for this week's meetings of the International Monetary Fund and Bank, declined to comment on the possible outcome of the talks between the British and Commonwealth officials.

"I have not been here long enough yet," he said.

The Canadian Minister said that he had not come with any cut and dried suggestions or plans to meet the British dollar crisis. He and other Commonwealth delegates would discuss matters with Mr. Dalton, but what the outcome would be, he could not say.

Asked to comment on Britain's present crisis, Mr. Abbott said: "There is no question of whether or not Britain will ride the storm—she must ride it." — *Reuters*.

## AFL Puts The Blame On Russia

Chicago, Sept. 11.  
The American Federation of Labour Executive Council on Wednesday blamed Russia for "the turmoil and tensions that exist in many nations of Europe and Asia" and called for an immediate conference of the "Big Four" nations.

The Council said that the United Nations had failed as an organization to keep the peace, and proposed that President Truman, Premier Stalin and the heads of the British and foreign governments get together at once.

The conference is necessary, the 15 leaders of the AFL said, "to end the existing impasses and to chart a more effective programme of cooperation for world peace in the future."

"The deterioration of international relations has reached such alarming proportions that an eventual break appears inevitable unless strong and constructive leadership is exerted," the Council said.

"The United States should not be content with sitting back and waiting for the next move by Russia. We are convinced that our country should take the initiative toward seeking an immediate clarification of the difficulties existing between our country and Russia."

"War with Russia should be prevented if at all possible," the Council said.—*Associated Press*.

### CHINA ALIGNED WITH RUSSIA

Nanking, Sept. 10.  
Chiang Chun is reported to have told a "C.E.C. session yesterday that China's attitude toward peace-making with Japan is practically identical with Soviet Russia's and opposed to the United States from the point of view of a resurgence of Japanese military power. He said both China and Russia fear a resurgence of Japanese power whereas the United States appears to be trying to build up Japan." — *United Press*.

## Deadlock On Atomic Energy Control

Lake Success, Sept. 10.  
A complete deadlock on the future of international control of atomic energy was reaffirmed today when M. Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, flatly rejected the second report of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

M. Gromyko strongly criticized the United States for attempting "to ensure for itself a monopoly in the production of atomic weapons."

He added that the United States "high sounding statements" were in "contradiction with their actions."

M. Gromyko repeated Russia's rejection of the principle, accepted by 10 out of 12 members of the Commission, that the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency should own and operate all plants producing nuclear fuels.

M. Gromyko ended his criticism of the American view, point which is almost the view of the majority, with the words: "It is absolutely impossible to accept the dictatorship of one country in atomic matters." — *Reuters*.

## BRISTOL CABMAN KILLED

Bristol, Sept. 10.  
John Dillon, of no fixed address, charged with the murder of William John Herbert Delong, 45-year-old Bristol taxi driver, made a further appearance here today.

The murdered man was found dying in the back of his own taxi in Bristol in the early hours of Aug. 8.

When the Clerk read the charge today, Superintendent F. Carter, of the Bristol Criminal Investigation Department, asked for a further remand until next Wednesday, when, he understood, the Director of Public Prosecutions will be in a position to commence prosecution.—*Reuters*.

## Greek Partisans' Appeal

Prague, Sept. 10.  
The Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, today said Tirana's spy trial produced more defendants who said they worked for British and American intelligence agents to the discredit of the regime in Albania.

Tanjung said Salim Kukulali, "member of the central committee of the conspiratorial organisation" confessed that his group maintained connections with the Anglo-Americans through a certain Kukulali, who was said to have received "large sums of money for the needs of the committee and of Albanian war criminals who escaped." — *United Press*.

## Seventy Trade Pacts Expected

Geneva, Sept. 9.  
Seventy bilateral trade agreements representing an "important proportion of trade" will be concluded in Geneva by the end of the week.

J. A. La Carte, deputy executive secretary of the Preparatory Committee, made this statement at a press conference today.

The agreements would include some of the important trading countries but not the bulk of leading trade countries, La Carte added. The total number of tariff agreements to be concluded in Geneva is 108.

La Carte said with the resumption of talks between the United States and the Commonwealth, tariff negotiations were "out of the stalemate stage" since all countries are now actually engaged in trade discussions.

The bilateral stage of tariff talks will be terminated by the end of the month, after which a short pause will be required for translation and editing. The conference might thus wind up by the first half of October. — *United Press*.

## Lend-Lease Or Else

London, Sept. 11.  
Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin suggested on Wednesday that the United States revive wartime lend-lease to save the economies of European countries if it does not favour his proposal to redistribute the Fort Knox gold.

In his first elucidation of his recent suggestion that the Americans redistribute the gold buried at Fort Knox, Mr. Bevin told a group of American legionnaires, "I do not mind whether it is lend-lease or what. But all I say is this — that you cannot get a settlement in the world unless we get these economic conditions right."

Speaking of England's position, Mr. Bevin said, "We may be short of dollars but we are not short of will." — *Associated Press*.

## "Eytie" Farmers Take Up Tommy-Guns

Milan, Sept. 19.  
North Italian farmers used Tommy-guns to defend their properties when a number of farmsteads in the Po Valley were attacked during the night by unknown persons.

Farms in a village near Cremona were set ablaze by men who used petrol and phosphorus "Molotov cocktails."

As the strike of 1,000,000 farm labourers today entered its third day, "flying squads" of strikers were reported to be forcing the strike where agitation was half-hearted.

Milk supplies to the town are diminishing and a steep rise in the price of much farm produce is expected during the next few days.

The Farmers' Association has protested against violence which they alleged has been used against labourers who, were not willing to stop work in the fields. The Association has cabled the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, asking that the right to work principle be defended.

The farm labourers on their side, have protested against the farmers "trying to provoke the labourers with threats and weapons."

The labourers are striking to get better conditions. The real centre of agitation is in the rice growing area and the rice crop may be seriously damaged unless the dispute is settled quickly.

The employers refuse to give way unless the strike order is withdrawn.—*Reuters*.

Jerusalem, Sept. 10.  
Four explosions occurred tonight at the Consolidated Oil Refinery plant at Haifa.

There were no casualties and the damage was slight, the Palestine Government announced.—*Reuters*.

## "Ike For President"

Washington, Sept. 10.  
Alf M. Landon climbed on to the "Ike for President" band wagon for a "trial run" today but failed to stir General Eisenhower from his determined refusal to seek Republican nomination.

The Army Chief of Staff told a news conference he deplored the organization of "Eisenhower for President" clubs and said he hoped "no one wastes his time or money on such groups." He added that "it is a mistaken idea."

Gen Eisenhower declined again to be drawn into comment on what he called a "hypothetical question"—if nominated, would he consent to run.

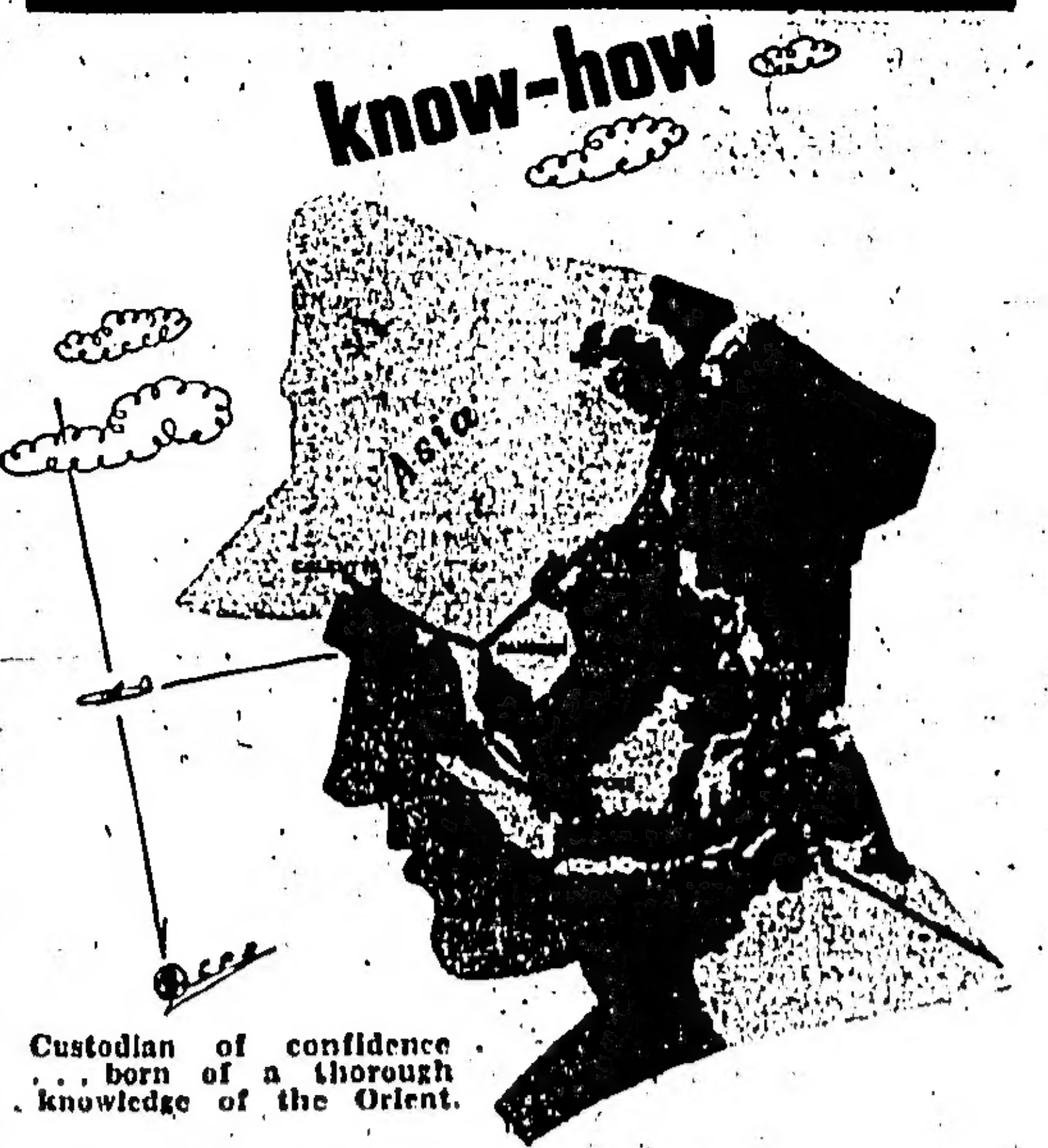
London, former Kansas Governor and 1936 Republican Presidential nominee, did not say whether he would stay on the bandwagon until the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia next June.—*United Press*.

Wainwright?

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 11.

The Dallas Morning News says that a movement is underway to draft General Jonathan Wainwright as a Democratic candidate for the Senate next year to oppose the renomination of Senator W. L. O'Daniel.

Wainwright retired as Commander of the Fourth Army late last month and became an executive of a food store chain at San Antonio.—*Associated Press*.



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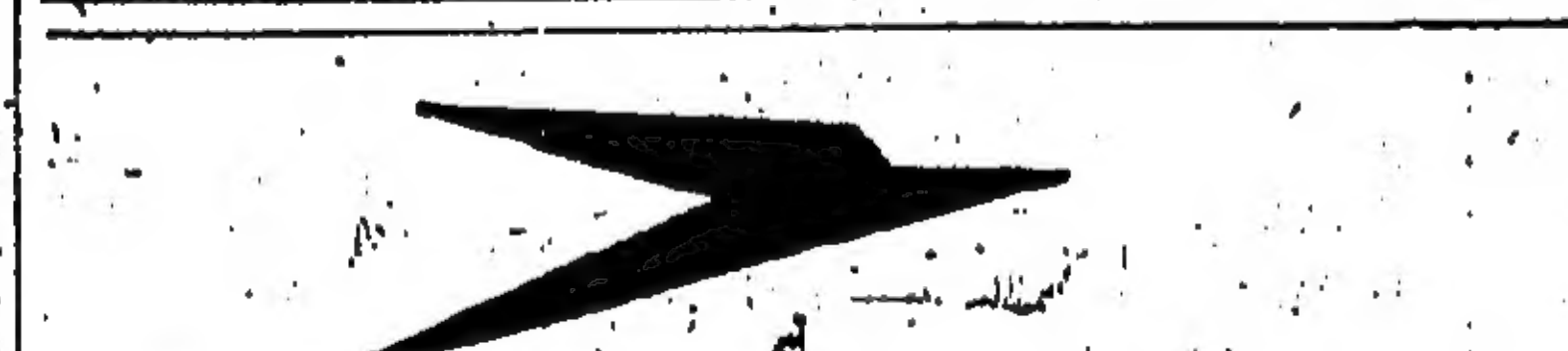
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"RIDDERKERK"	Europe early October	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Göteborg/Oslo, early November.

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# CHINA'S CURRENCY POLICY: CONTRARY U.S. REACTIONS

London, Sept. 11.

American reaction to China's present currency policy appears to be so mixed that economists, expressing their views on the same day, have stated precisely opposite opinions of the likely results on Sino-American trade.

The Journal of Commerce, for example, stated that "The changed Chinese currency regulations permitting dealing in dollars around the open market rate may well encourage Chinese earnings of United States dollars through increased exports here and large remittances through legal channels, thus ultimately improving the outlook for American exports to China."

This was stated to be the consensus of opinion expressed in foreign trade and banking circles, but the paper added some important provisos.

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An active market, resulting in a heavy turnover. Buyers were again willing to advance their bids, particularly for the more popular stocks.

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## ARSENAL KEEP 100 PER CENT RECORD

**London, Sept. 10.**  
Maintaining a 100 per cent record cost the Arsenal dearly tonight and they finished the match virtually with eight men, Lewis pulling a muscle but carrying on under difficulties. Fields retiring with an injury to his right knee and McPherson limping with an injury before the finish.

This win set up an Arsenal Club record of six consecutive wins, the previous best having been five wins and a draw with which they opened the season 17 years ago when they went on to win the championship.

## Brilliant Golf By Dai Rees

**London, Sept. 11.**  
British Ryder Cup golfer Dai Rees continued his brilliant link-play on Wednesday by playing a 69, equal to the Langley Park course record, to lead 21 southern zone qualifiers for the 'New' of the World match play tournament.

He had a 67 on Tuesday for an aggregate of 133. Second with 69.45 was Australian Norman Van Nida who carded his eighth consecutive tournament round under 70, a British record.

There were other members of the Ryder Cup team, including captain Henry Cotton, also qualified and one failed. They were Jimmy Adams 69.60, Sam King 73.71 and Cotton 71.73. The non-qualifier was Reg Horne who totaled 150. Among the qualifiers was Flory Van Donck of Belgium with 70.66.

Another qualifying competitor at Belfast, Fred Daly, British open champion and Ryder Cup player, scored two rounds of 68 to win the only Irish spot in the finals of the tournament.—Asso. Press.

## Olympics Protest

**Paris, Sept. 10.**  
The International Swimming Federation Bureau, meeting at Monaco, today decided unanimously to protest against the conditions laid down for swimming events in next year's Olympic Games in London.

"They decided to protest against the holding of these events to coincide with the athletic events during the first week of the Games," to ask the Olympic Committee to hold them on the second week as previously, to ask for a second stadium for organising diving and water-polo eliminators, and if that was not possible, to ask that the eliminators be spread over 11 days, owing to the large number of entries.

If these conditions cannot be fulfilled, the Federation declared that it cannot organise the swimming, diving, and the water-polo in one pool in eight days as expected by the Olympic Organising Committee.—Reuter.

## NEW CRICKET EXPERIMENT

**Sydney, Sept. 10.**  
The Australian Cricket Board of Control has decided on an experiment during the 1947-48 season that for all matches against the Indians—subject to India's concurrence—the law dealing with a new ball should be amended to read "that a new ball may be demanded by the fielding side at their option after 40 overs (eight balls) have been bowled, or 200 runs have been scored."

It was announced after the Board's meeting that Western Australia and Tasmania had decided not to include prominent cricketers from the eastern states for at least one match against the Indians, as has been the practice against touring sides in the past.—Reuter.

## SQUASH MATCH

In a friendly Squash Match on Wednesday, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by 4 to 1.

**Results:**

Bank	Cricket Club
Lydell	beat Cooper 2-1
Haynes	beat Wilson 2-1
Butcher	beat Pearce 3-0
Buchan	beat Biddell 2-1
Woodcombe	beat Kilbee 1-2

## Jealous Of Female Radio Voices

**Chicago, Sept. 11.**  
A husband has filed a divorce suit which accused his 43-year-old wife of being so jealous that she forbids him to listen to radio programmes using female voices.

He charged in his suit that she also forbids him to read newspaper articles pertaining to women.—Associated Press.

## Gunners' Close Win At Valley

Heavy rain shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday caused the postponement of two games in the Seven-a-Side Stanley Shield competition at Happy Valley.

The best of the three games yesterday was that between 25th Field Royal Artillery and Police "A", which was won by the former by a corner during extra time. Neither side scored in the normal period.

Yesterday's results:—  
R.A.F. 2 Royal Navy "B" 0.  
Royal Navy "C" 0 Devons "A" 4.  
25th Field Royal Artillery "B" 0. Police "A" 0.  
(R.A. won by a corner after extra time).

## CZECH PLAYER IN QUARTER FINALS

**New York, Sept. 10.**  
Bob Falkenburg of Hollywood and chunky Jaroslav Drobny of Czechoslovakia led the way into the quarter-finals of the National tennis champions today as Mrs. Magda Rurac of Rumania contributed the only women's upset.

Mrs. Rurac, fourth seeded foreigner, eliminated favoured Shirley Fry, fifth seeded youngster from Akron, Ohio, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, as the women's division completed third round play without additional casualties among ranking stars.

Falkenburg staged a gallant comeback against Colin Long, Australia's Davis Cup ace, to win 4-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Drobny came from behind to dispose of young Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Falkenburg and Drobny won the most important matches of the day, moving a step ahead of the field in the upper bracket, while Frankie Parker of Los Angeles, Gardner Mulloy of Miami, and the Australian Davis Cup duo, John Bromwich and Dinny Pails, forged ahead to the quarter-finals.

Seventh-seeded Billy Sidwell of Australia and the United States ninth ranking Vic Seixas of Philadelphia each had two sets of five games each in the final set before the match was called off for darkness. Sidwell took the first 6-3 and the third 6-4 while Seixas won the second 6-3 and fourth 6-0.

Advancing to the quarter-finals along with Mrs. Rurac in the bottom half of the women's draw were top-seeded Miss Margaret Osborne of San Francisco, third-ranking Miss Doris Hart of Miami and eighth-seeded Miss Barbara Kruse of San Francisco.

Miss Osborne, favourite to succeed Miss Pauline Betz, as tennis queen, defeated Miss Jean Quertier, seventh-ranking foreigner, from Britain, 6-2, 6-1.

Miss Hart matched this effort with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Mrs. Virginia Kovacs of San Francisco which took about 37 minutes as Kruse topped Mrs. Betty Hilton of England, second-seeded invader, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.—United Press.

## Sinkiang Danger Over

**Nanking, Sept. 11.**  
Gen. Chang Chi-chung, head of the Generalissimo's North-West Headquarters, told a joint Kuomintang-Youth Corps session today that the ill-rebel leaders were using all kinds of political subterfuges to wrest power and overthrow the coalition Sinkiang Provincial Government.

Gen. Chang, former Governor of Sinkiang, one of Chiang's westernmost provinces, bordering the Soviet Union, arrived in Nanking to report to the Central Government on the Sinkiang situation.

He expressed the belief that the Government position in Sinkiang was "out of danger." He said though the ill-rebel leaders were still indulging in rebellious activities, Sinkiang will remain China's Sinkiang. He pointed out that only 20 per cent of the population like the three areas controlled by the ill-rebels, and Huiyuan tribesmen. Eighty per cent still support the Government.—United Press.

## CALTEX PAY UP

**Shanghai, Sept. 11.**  
Parents of Char Tze-kan, the Chinese student who was fatally injured by a Caltex gasoline truck driven by Chinese driver Tan Ching-lang on April 4, were awarded compensation in the amount of 50 million (at present about \$1,200,000 US). The parents and fellow students had sued for 200 million. Char's earnings had been 70 years old.—Asso. Press.

## FAVOURITE FOR THE ST. LEGER



The Aga Khan's Migoli, favourite for the St. Leger, last classic race of the season, to be run at Doncaster tomorrow.

## General Engaged To ATS Girl

**London, Sept. 10.**  
The engagement was announced here today of Major General A. W. Lee, Aide-de-Camp to the King, and Chief Commander Pamela Blanche Hammick, Auxiliary Territorial Service staff officer at the War Office.

They met in Washington during the war, when Miss Hammick was on the British Army Staff there and General Lee was Deputy Quarter-master-General, British Army Staff in America. She is now serving in the Adjutant General's branch in London.—Reuter.

## Burglar's Unfortunate Hobby

**LONDON, SEPT. 11.**  
THE DEFENCE COUNSEL DID THE BEST HE COULD TODAY WITH FREDERICK HARDING, 71, WHO WAS TRIED ON A BURGLARY CHARGE AT OLD BAILEY.

The police testified that after capturing Harding in the flat of Mrs. Ursula Thomson they found in his possession £200 worth of Mrs. Thomson's jewellery and 123 skeleton keys. Harding has 14 previous burglary convictions.

"My client has been trying to go straight. He makes skeleton keys as a hobby," said the counsel.

The sentence was two years.—United Press.

## British Take Over Factory

**Hamburg, Sept. 10.**  
British troops aided by a detachment of German police tonight occupied the Hochtief Holsten works in Kiel after the workers had refused to dismantle the factory.

Following the workers' refusal, the Governor of Schleswig-Holstein issued an ultimatum to the management and employees of the works which expires at noon today.—Reuter.

## New Delhi Quiet

**New Delhi, Sept. 11.**  
The Information Bureau of the India Government today issued an explanation a press note saying 5,000 Moslems have been evacuated and that "R.A.F. planes are flying reconnaissance over the city."

The note described the situation in Delhi as "generally quiet" but said in the last 24 hours looters killed some persons and the military dispersed some crowds.

If claimed the authorities recovered a shotgun and three mortars from some Moslems shipped out by rail.

The note said rifle and automatic fire and hand-grenades were thrown against troops who broke up a demonstration at Sarnar Bazaar, a big Moslem business section.—United Press.

## U.S. Embassy Stoned

**Bogota, Sept. 11.**  
Unruly crowds stoned the United States Embassy and buildings housing American interests today and students and bank employees paraded through the streets shouting "Down With Yankee Imperialism."

The demonstration was touched off by an American note to the Colombian Government seeking termination of certain privileges enjoyed by the Flota Mercante Gran Colombia, a merchant fleet owned jointly by Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador.

The disorders were climaxed by a parade of 12,000 persons to the House of Representatives.

Stone-throwers smashed several windows in the American Embassy and other buildings and special police guard protected the structures last night.—Associated Press.

## TUTOR TO THE CROWN PRINCE

**Tokyo, Sept. 10.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, of Philadelphia, has agreed on a new one-year contract as tutor to Emperor Hirohito's family.

Mrs. Vining is leaving by plane on Sunday for the United States on a projected two-month vacation and lecture tour after which she will return to Japan to resume duties teaching Crown Prince Akihito and other members of the Imperial Family.

She came to Japan a year ago at the invitation of the Japanese Government.—United Press.

## DONCASTER TRIUMPHS FOR INDIANS

**Doncaster, Sept. 10.**  
The opening of the four-day race meeting, which is highlighted by Saturday's St. Leger, proved a signal triumph for India, with the Gaerwar of Baroda winning the highly coveted Champagne Stakes and the Aga Khan winning the great Yorkshire Handicap with Anwar and the Clumber Stakes with Ndara.

Lerina, ridden by Edgar Britt, starting at 21 to 1 against, scored an easy win in the five furlong Champagne Stakes.

Prince Aly Khan, who owns Anwar in partnership with his father, was highly delighted at the horse's win as it makes the St. Leger favourite, Migoli, look extra good.

"Migoli recently beat Anwar out of sight in a gallop and we now have great hopes of Migoli winning the final classic," Prince Aly Khan said. Ridden by Gordon Richards, Anwar, starting at 7 to 1, won by five lengths from the outsider Las Vegas.

Ndara, starting at 100 to 30 and also ridden by Gordon Richards, had an equally easy six lengths victory.

**St. Leger Callover**  
The callover on the St. Leger at the Victoria Club tonight was:

9 to 4 Migoli taken and offered.	7 to 2 Pearl Diver offered.	4 to 1 taken.	4 to 1 Arbar taken and offered.	13 to 2 Sayajirao offered.	7 to 1 taken.	20 to 1 Merry Quip offered.	22 to 1 taken.	20 to 1 Tite Street offered.	25 to 1 taken.	28 to 1 Bow and Arrow offered.	33 to 1 taken.	33 to 1 Whiteway offered.	40 to 1 taken.
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## Tonight's Boxing At The Ritz

The Chinese Amateur Boxing Championship Contests in aid of the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Flood Relief Fund will be held this evening at the Ritz (former Lady Park Recreation Club), Quarry Bay, at 6 p.m. sharp.

There are nine events on the programme, the most interesting of which should be the exhibition bout between R. Pulling of the Royal Navy and Liu Hong-lin.

Pulling, who has an impressive record, is the seventh ranking lightweight in the United Kingdom and has fought over 200 fights. He is recognised as the best Navy boxer on the China Station.

The following is a list of the events:

Midget Weight (98 lbs)—Kong Chi-sun vs Lui Lap-yam.	Mosquito Weight (105 lbs)—Wong Hok-hin vs Lo On.	Flyweight (112 lbs)—Ma Chung-ying vs Lo Wing-shu.	Bantam Weight (118 lbs)—Li Kail-kwong vs Lau King-fai.	Feather Weight (126 lbs)—Yeung Wah-tong vs Lai Chiu-kwan.	Kwatt Weight (135 lbs)—Lai Kwai-tsun vs Lam Kam-chi.	Welter Weight (147 lbs)—Johnny Lai vs Paul Chong.	Middle Weight (160 lbs)—Liu Hong-ming vs Tang Yan.	Light Heavy (175 lbs)—Liu Pulling vs Liu Hong-lin.
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The different events will be fought under the Rules of the Amateur Boxing Association, with Mr. H.J. Clarke, Cdr. Royston, R.N., as referee and Lieut. Usherwood and RSM Eston as Judges. Mr. K.S. Lee of Lee's Gymnasium will be Timekeeper.

As from 4.30 p.m. a display in the Chinese art of self-defence will be given.

Prices of admission are 950, \$10, 55 and 25.

## Chang Chun Jolts Washington

**Washington, Sept. 11.**  
Official sources today expressed surprise at Chinese Premier Chang Chun's reported declaration that China would not attend any Japanese peace conference at which Russia was not represented.

Informed quarters said the United States had not received any official intimation from the Chinese to this effect.

It was admitted in administration quarters that if the Chinese actually did adopt such a position, it would "greatly complicate" the problem which the United States faced in attempting to convene an early conference for the purpose of beginning work on the Japanese treaty.

Chinese sources here said they believed there was a possibility Chang Chun had been misquoted. They said so far as was known at the Embassy, the Chinese position remained the same as when China replied last month to the United States suggestion for an early conference.

The Chinese at that time disagreed with the United States desire to abolish the veto provision in the treaty conference, proposing instead that decisions should require a majority of three of the four big powers. This plan, described as a "modified veto," would make it impossible for any single big power to block agreement.

The Chinese at that time told the United States that if other

Some members of the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, Allied policy-making body for Japan, however, felt it was quite likely the Chinese would adopt such a position.

One source who works closely with the Chinese on the Commission said:

"The Chinese in recent months have been turning more and more in the direction of the Russian position in Commission discussions. They hold the same position as the Soviet Union in regarding that the United States contemplates too great a rebuilding of Japan."

This source said that if the Chinese did take the stand that they would not attend the conference without Russia, it would be "necessary for the United States completely to reorient its approach to the question of the Japanese conference."

**Russia May Refuse**

United States officials have been reliably reported almost ready to issue invitations to the members of the FEC to hold a conference in the United States, concurrent with the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. They conceded there was a possibility Russia would refuse to attend since the Soviet had insisted in two notes to Washington that the treaty be written by the Council of Foreign Ministers instead of by the 11 nations of the FEC.

With the backing of the entire British Commonwealth bloc, the Philippines and others, however, the United States was said to be willing to go ahead anyway.

Nevertheless, officials admitted that if the Chinese indeed refused to attend without Russia, then the situation would be entirely different. The United States is willing to take the risk of proceeding without Russia, but not without both China and Russia.

It was, however, believed in some circles that even if the Chinese had adopted such a position there was still a possibility that United States and British influence could bring them back into line.—United Press.

## Gems Lottery Prizes

**Shanghai, Sept. 11.**  
Plans are about completed by the Government-operated Central Trust to conduct 12 months' lotteries offering diamonds, pearls, rubies and other gems confiscated from convicted Japanese collaborators as prizes.

Five million tickets will be issued in each lottery at CN\$10,000 per chance which will be refunded after a certain period with interest.

The total value of the confiscated diamonds and other valuable stones is estimated at CN\$2,300,000,000.—United Press.